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# Lord Marksman — and Vanadis —



HMPH...



ONE  
LOOK  
AT THE  
SCOUT'S  
REPORT  
CONFIRMED  
IT.



IT'S THE  
ORDER  
OF  
NAVARRE.



Lord Marksman  
and Vanadis

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YES.

AND  
WORSE  
THAN  
THAT...

THEY'RE A  
BRUNISH  
KNIGHTLY  
ORDER?

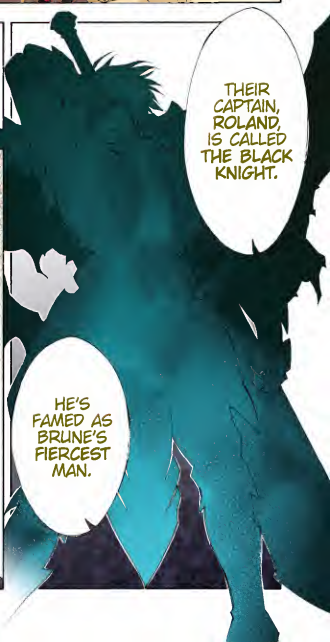


IS  
THAT  
SO?



HIS  
NAME...

I'VE  
HEARD IT  
BEFORE.



THEIR  
CAPTAIN,  
ROLAND,  
IS CALLED  
THE BLACK  
KNIGHT.

HE'S  
FAMED AS  
BRUNE'S  
FIERCEST  
MAN.



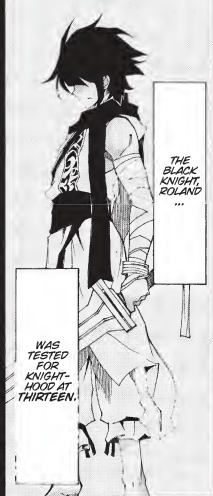


AND  
TRI-  
UMPHED  
OVER  
EVERY  
ONE.

HE  
FACED  
OFF  
AGAINST  
INFA-  
MOUSLY  
STRONG  
KNIGHTS...

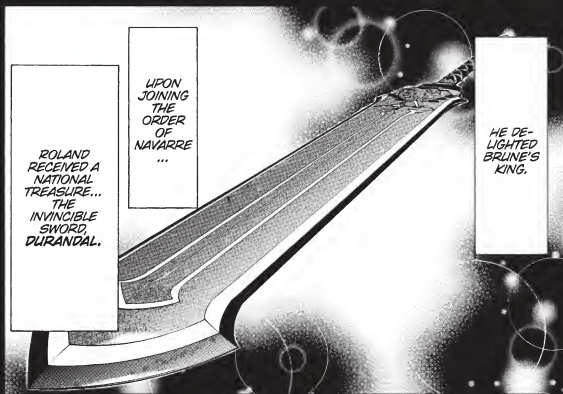


SIR  
ROLAND  
HAS  
NEVER  
BEEN  
BESTED.



THE  
BLACK  
KNIGHT,  
ROLAND  
...

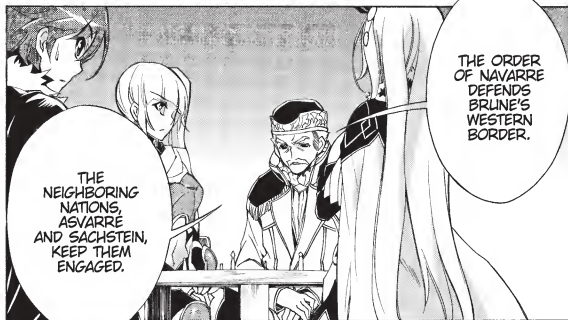
WAS  
TESTED  
FOR  
KNIGHT-  
HOOD AT  
THIRTEEN.



ROLAND  
RECEIVED A  
NATIONAL  
TREASURE...  
THE  
INVINCIBLE  
SWORD,  
DURANDAL.

UPON  
JOINING  
THE  
ORDER  
OF  
NAVARRE  
...

HE DE-  
LIGHTED  
BRUNE'S  
KING.



THE  
NEIGHBORING  
NATIONS,  
ASVARRE  
AND SACHSTEIN,  
KEEP THEM  
ENGAGED.

THE ORDER  
OF NAVARRE  
DEFENDS  
BRUNE'S  
WESTERN  
BORDER.



IF THESE  
ROYAL  
KNIGHTS  
ARE  
MARCH-  
ING...

IS IT  
BY THE  
KING'S  
COMMAND?



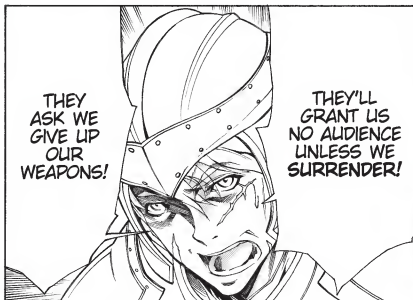
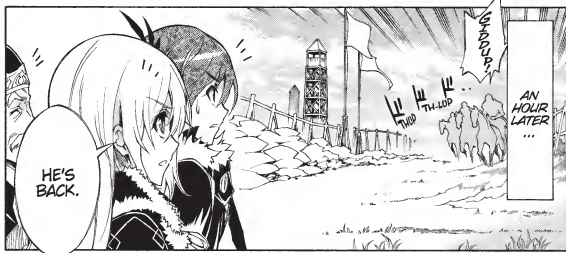
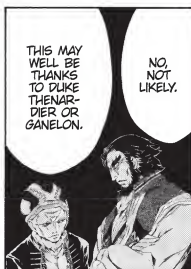
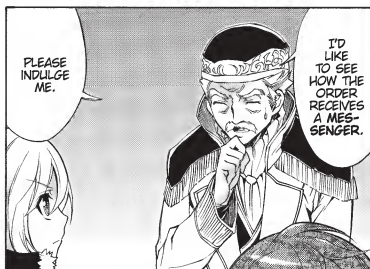
HE  
MUST  
BE  
QUITE  
SOME-  
THING.

"INVIN-  
CIBLE"  
IS IT?



IN  
SHORT  
...

THEY'RE  
AN ELITE  
CORPS OF  
VETERANS.







WERE  
YOU ABLE  
TO LEARN  
THEIR  
LEADER'S  
NAME?



IF  
ONLY  
WE  
COULD  
WAIT  
SIR  
MASHAS'  
ARRIVAL.



THAT  
OUR  
REQUEST  
FELL  
ON DEAF  
EARS.



I  
REGRET  
TO  
REPORT  
...



HOW  
DID  
THEY  
LOOK?



I  
SEE.  
  
THANK  
YOU FOR  
YOUR TOIL,  
REGARD-  
LESS.



THEY  
COULD  
RIDE TO  
BATTLE  
AT ANY  
MOMENT.



THEY'RE  
WELL-  
ARMED,  
AND IN  
HIGH  
SPIRITS.



THEY'LL  
ONLY MEET  
WITH US IF  
WE ADMIT  
DEFEAT.



HMM...

BRISQUE,  
AREN'T  
THEY?



A FIGHT  
SEEMS  
INEVITABLE.

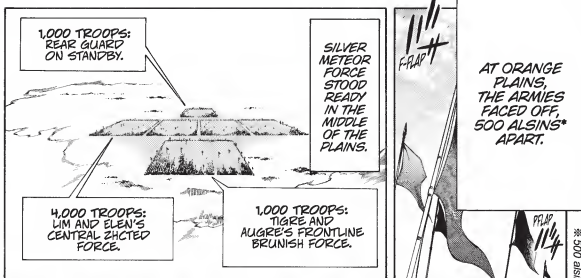


ALL  
RIGHT...

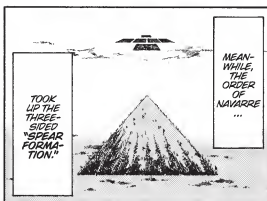


BNISH

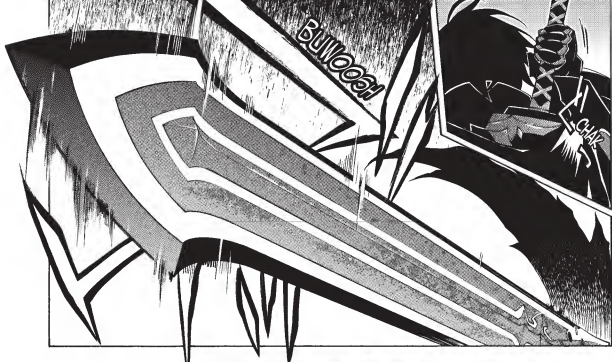
PREPARE  
FOR  
BATTLE!



\* 500 alsins is about 1600 feet







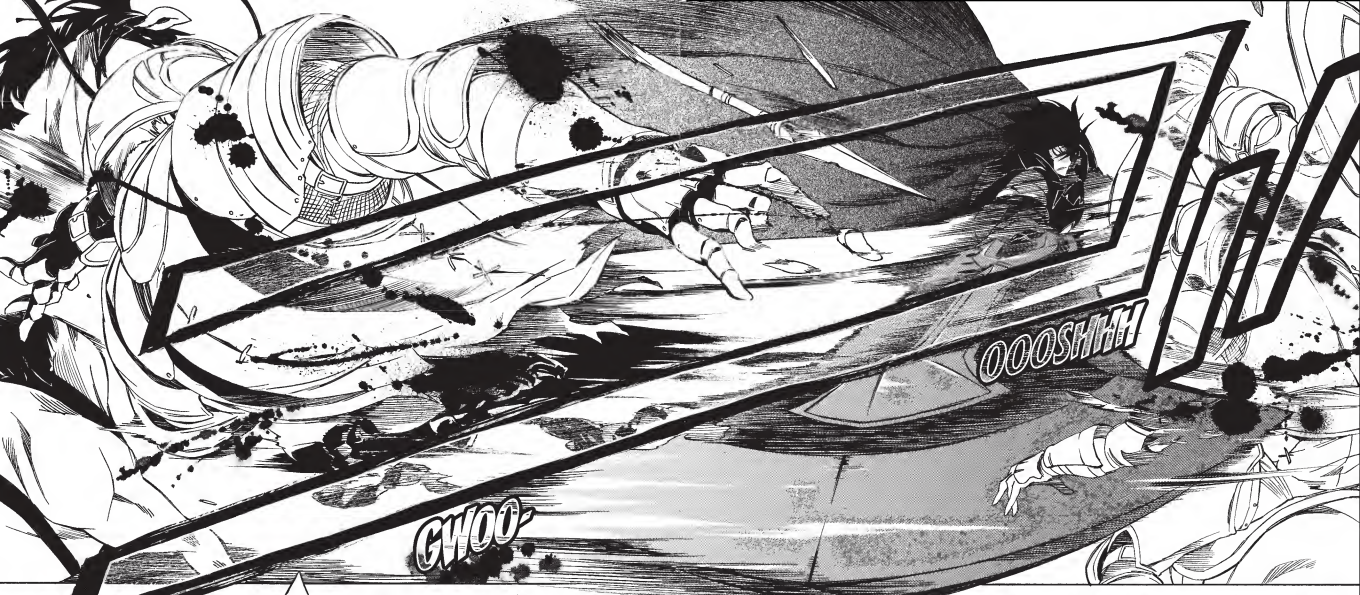
WITNESS  
OUR  
VALIANT  
FIGHT!

MAY THE  
BRUNISH  
NATION'S  
DIVINE  
GUARDIANS  
...



FOLLOW  
MY  
SWORD  
!!

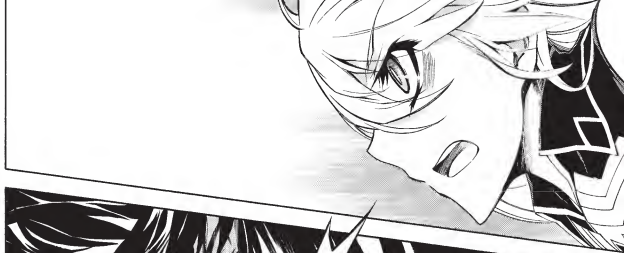














MY  
SWORD  
RARELY  
MEETS  
RESIS-  
TANCE.

I  
WOULD'VE  
DIED  
WITHOUT  
ARIFAR.

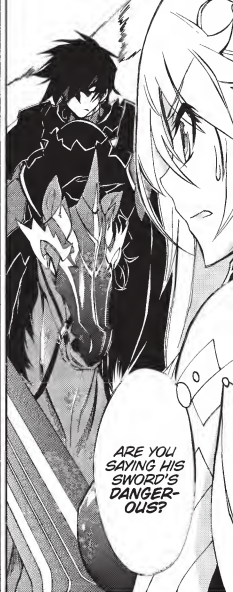






WHO  
WOULD'VE  
SEEN IT  
COMING  
FROM A  
MAIDEN?







SOUNDS  
LIKE IT  
MUST BE  
RUBBISH.



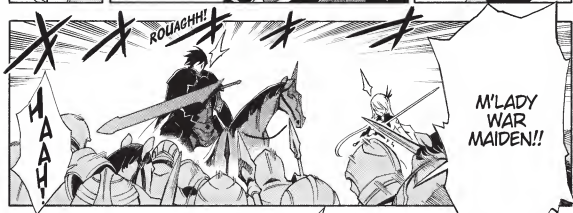
I'M NOT  
SURE WHAT  
MINE'S  
MADE OF,  
EITHER.

HIS MAJESTY  
GAVE ME THIS  
SWORD TO  
DEFEND BRUNE.  
THAT WAS ALL  
I CARED TO  
KNOW.



COULDN'T  
SAY.

IT WAS  
A GIFT  
FROM AN  
UNKNOWN  
PARTY.



M'LADY  
WAR  
MAIDEN!!



IDIOTS!  
GET  
BACK!





BAKAASH



CRASH



ARE YOU  
LEADING  
THE  
ZHCED  
TROOPS?

A  
WAR  
MAIDEN.





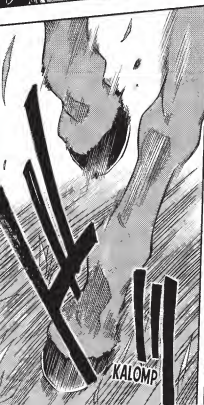
I'M  
CAPTAIN  
ROLAND  
OF THE  
ORDER OF  
NAVARRE.

WAR  
MAIDEN...



I'M  
ELEONORA  
VILTARIA.

ONE  
OF THE  
SEVEN  
WAR  
MAIDENS.



KALOMP



YOU'RE  
FORBIDDEN  
TO ENTER  
BRUNE WITH-  
OUT HIS  
MAJESTY'S  
PERMIS-  
SION...

NO  
MATTER  
THE  
REASON.









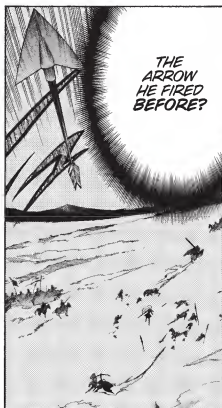


I'LL BE  
DAMNED  
IF THEY  
ESCAPE!









THE  
ARROW  
HE FIRED  
BEFORE?



THAT  
WASN'T...

ROAR!!

EERGH!!

GRUNT...

THUD

GRACH!!



WRAUGH!!

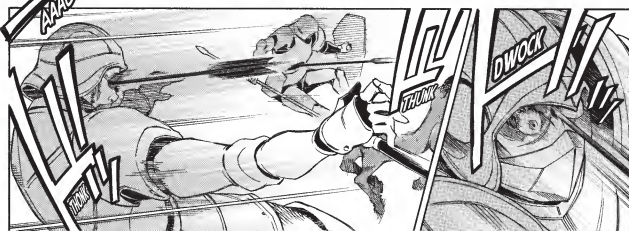
HYSSH

RAARRH!!

AAR!!

THWISH

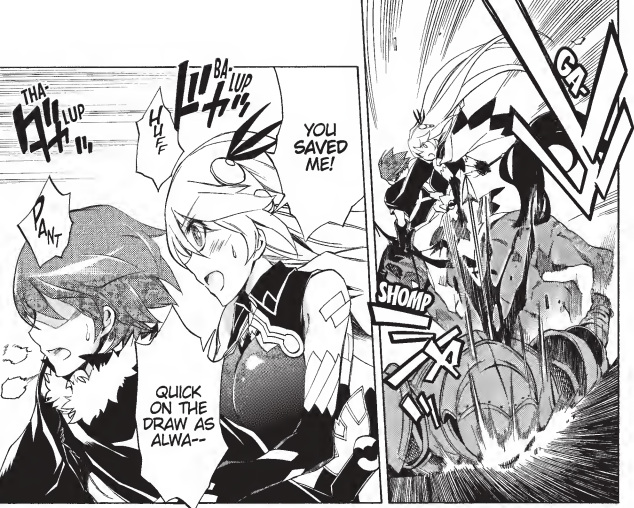
HYUSH!!



THUNK

DWOCK







**TIGRE  
!!**

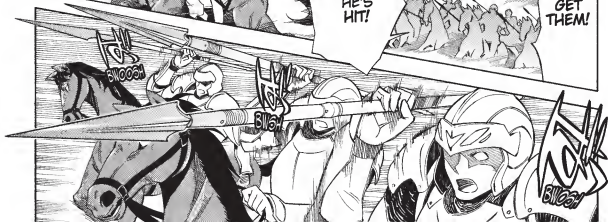
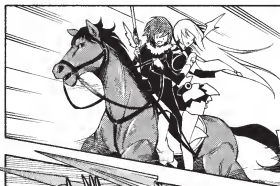


CHAPTER 22: END

23 • A CLOSE CALL



TIGRE!







GATHER  
BEFORE  
ME,  
SHINING  
SURGE.





AUGH  
....!

WHAT  
THE--?!  
AGHH!

HURRY,  
ELEN!

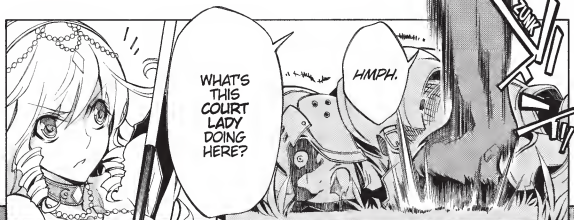
PWAAAAA

N  
N  
E  
I  
G  
H  
!!

!







WHAT'S  
THIS  
COURT  
LADY  
DOING  
HERE?

HMPH.



CAP-  
TAIN!

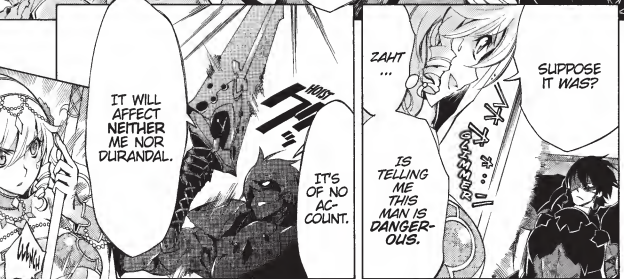
CAPTAIN  
ROLAND!

WHOA

ROOOOAR...

THAT  
BURST  
OF LIGHT...

WAS  
THAT  
MAGIC?



IT WILL  
AFFECT  
NEITHER  
ME NOR  
DURANDAL.

IT'S  
OF NO  
AC-  
COUNT.

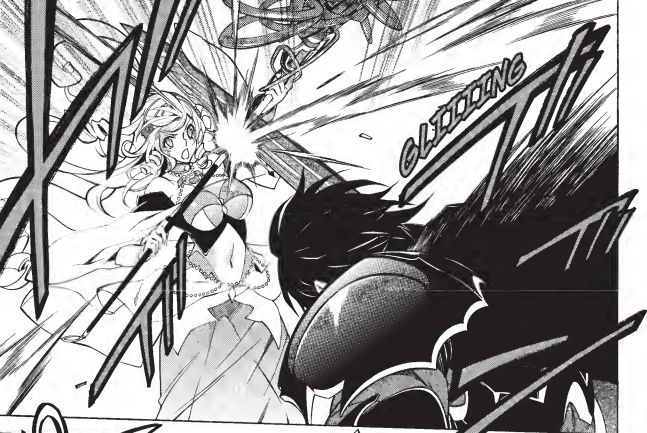
ZAHT  
...

SUPPOSE  
IT WAS?

IS  
TELLING  
ME  
THIS  
MAN IS  
DANGEROUS.

RESTO...!





GATHER  
AT MY  
SIDE,  
BLINDING  
SAND!

.....  
HE'S  
BESTED  
MY  
DRAGON  
GEAR!





BUT I  
CAN TELL  
SHE'S RE-  
TREATING.

I  
CAN'T  
SEE  
HER...

WHAT'S  
THAT?

AH...!

BACK  
TO YOUR  
POSTS,  
MEN.

NEVER  
FEAR.  
I'LL DEAL  
WITH HER  
WHEN SHE  
RETURNS.

SHE'S  
VAN-  
ISHED.  
WHAT A  
PAIN.

GROUP







WAAAAAHH!!

LIM!

THD!

YES...

BUT IT'S  
SHALLOW.  
HE'LL BE  
FINE.

THEY SAY  
SIR TIGRE-  
VIRMLID'S  
WOUNDED?!

LADY  
ELEO-  
NORA  
!!

RIGHT,  
TIGRE  
...?

WRA

AA

AAGH

RMBL

RMBL

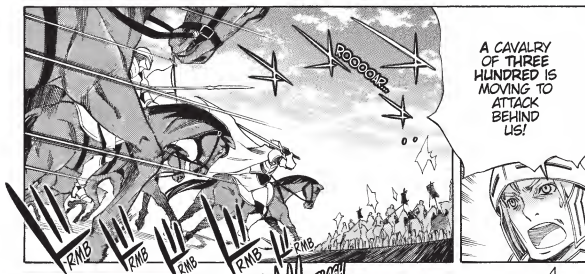
RMBL

RMBL

RMBL

RAA

AHHH





ABANDON  
THE CHASE  
AND RE-  
GROUP!

AYE,  
SIR!



SEEMS  
LATE  
IN THE  
GAME  
FOR  
THAT.

BUT  
SOME-  
THING  
MUST BE  
DONE TO  
PREVENT  
PANIC.



DID YOU  
KNOW THE  
ARCHER WHO  
SLEW MY  
HORSE?



OLIVIER.

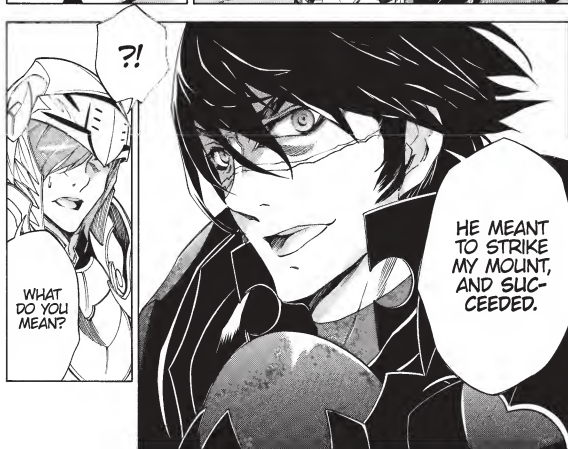
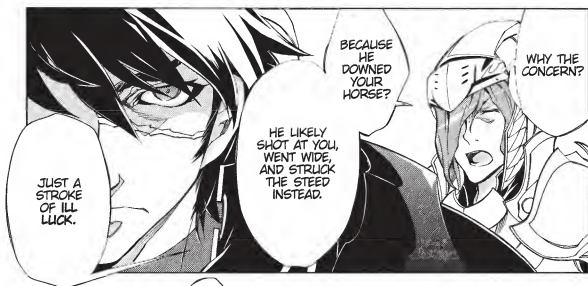


I SAW  
HIM ONCE  
AT THE  
PALACE.

TIGRE-  
VURMLUD  
VORN,  
MOST  
LIKELY.

AS I  
RECALL,  
HE WAS  
ROUNDLY  
MOCKED  
FOR  
BOASTING  
OF HIS  
MARKS-  
MANSHIP.







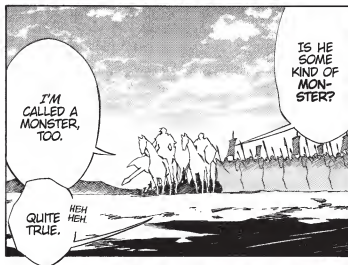
AT ANY  
RATE, HE  
TRUSTED  
HIS AIM.

I'D HAVE  
NOTICED AN  
ATTACK  
AIMED AT ME  
STRAIGHT  
OFF. BUT I  
WAS LESS  
WARY OF  
AN ATTACK  
ON MY  
HORSE.



HAD HE  
AIMED  
STRAIGHT  
AT ME,  
I COULD'VE  
PARRIED.

THAT  
WAS  
PLANNED  
...?



I'M  
CALLED A  
MONSTER,  
TOO.

IS HE  
SOME  
KIND OF  
MON-  
STER?

HEH  
HEH.  
QUITE  
TRUE.



YOU'RE  
SURE?

LET'S  
CALL IT  
A DAY.



HE'S  
TRULY  
SKILLED.

THIS  
MAY BE  
THE FIRST  
TIME A  
MARKSMAN  
IMPRESSED  
ME.



WHEN THE  
ROYAL COMMAND  
CAME THROUGH,  
THE KING WAS ILL.  
BEDRIDDEN.  
I COULDN'T SEE  
HIM.



THIS  
ISN'T A  
TYPICAL  
SKIRMISH.

IT'S THE  
WILL OF  
DUKES  
THENARDIER  
AND GANELON.  
I DON'T  
TRUST  
THEM.

WE'LL SEND  
MESSENGERS  
TO ASVARRE  
AND SACHSTEIN  
TO BUY TIME.

WE  
WANT  
YOU TO  
DESTROY  
THEM  
STRAIGHT-  
AWAY.

SINCE  
COUNT  
VORN  
INVITED  
ZHCED  
SOLDIERS  
TO RUN  
RAMPANT  
IN BRUNE.

SIR  
RO-  
LAND.

HIS  
MAJESTY  
IS IN  
DESPAIR...

STILL  
...

SUMMONING  
US FROM  
THE WEST,  
WITHOUT  
SENDING OUT  
THEIR OWN  
FORCES...  
IT'S BIZARRE.

THERE  
WAS  
TRUTH  
IN THEIR  
WORDS.



AND COUNT  
VORN IS  
CLOSELY  
LINKED  
TO ZHCTED.  
HE SAVED  
THAT WAR  
MAIDEN.

YET  
ZHCTED'S  
ARMY  
WAS  
HERE.



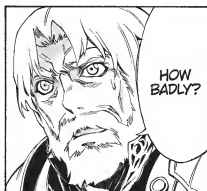
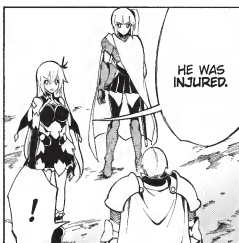
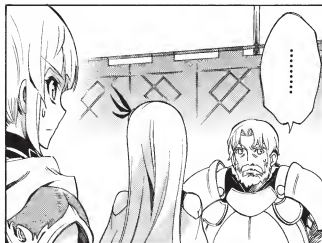
MY  
SWORD  
WILL  
SLAY  
THEM  
ALL!

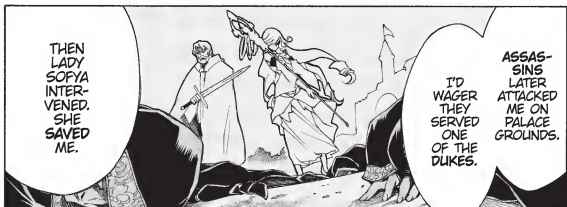
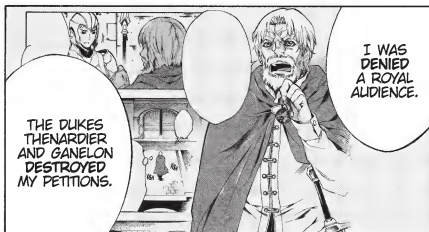
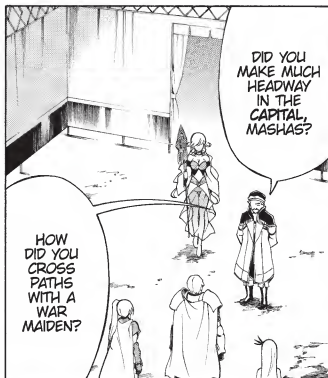
HIS  
MAJESTY'S  
ENEMIES  
ARE MY  
ENEMIES.



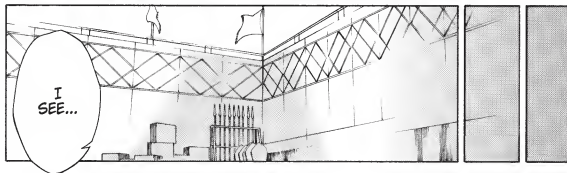
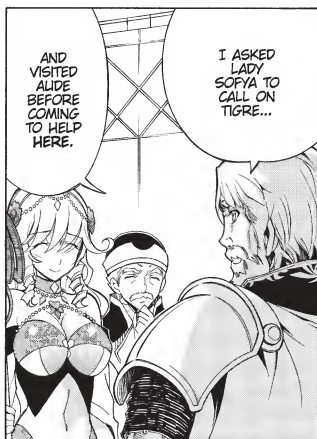
















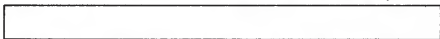
BUT  
...

ONLY  
I CAN  
FIGHT  
HIM.

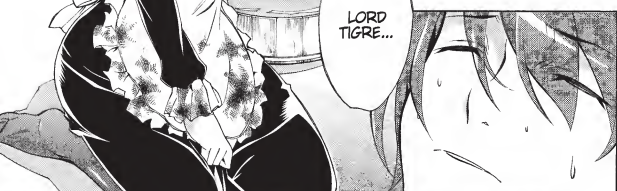
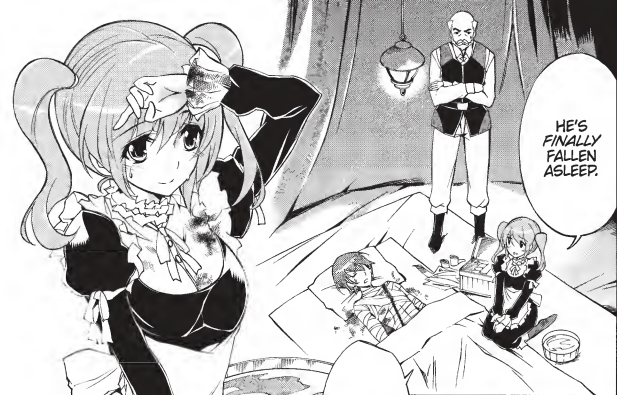


SOFY  
SAYS  
THAT...

DRAGON  
GEARS  
DON'T  
AFFECT  
IT.









I CAME  
TO VISIT  
TIGRE.

HOW'S  
HE  
DOING?



IS  
TIGRE  
HERE?



LADY  
WAR  
MAIDEN.



MAY  
I SEE  
HIM?



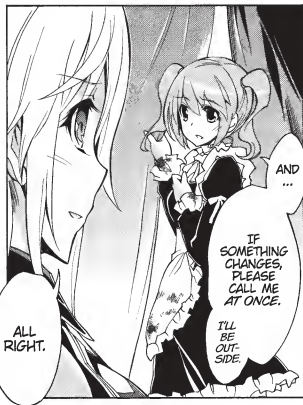
HE'S  
RESTING.



THAT'S  
FINE.



ONLY IF  
TITTA  
ALLOWS  
IT.



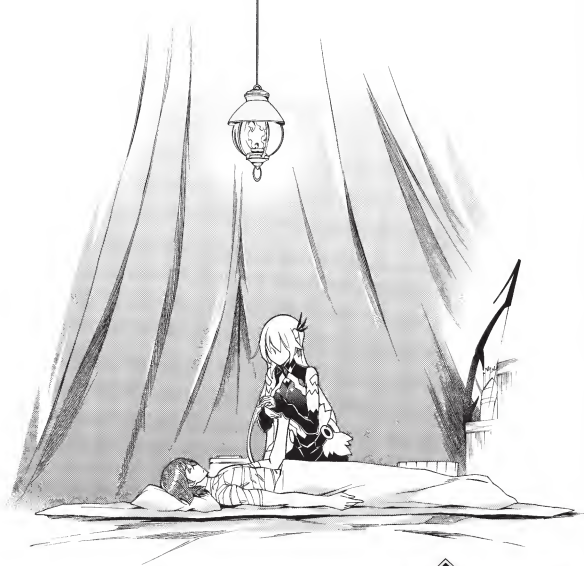


TIGRE...



CHAPTER 23: END





24 ◆ PRINCIPLES



TIGRE  
...?







FEEL MY  
HEARTBEAT  
THROUGH  
YOUR HAND.



KNOW  
HOW  
I FEEL.

KNOW  
THAT  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
ALIVE.



BUT,  
MOST  
OF ALL...  
THRILLED.



I WAS  
SHOCKED.  
OUTRAGED.

YOU PITTED  
YOURSELF  
AGAINST  
ROLAND'S  
STRENGTH  
TO RESCUE  
ME.



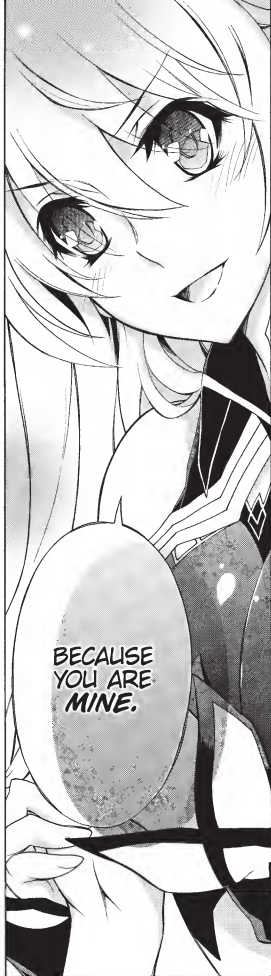
YOU'RE IN  
COMMAND  
OF THIS  
FORCE!

STILL...

HOW HAS  
YOUR  
SELFLESS-  
NESS  
HELPED  
US?







BECAUSE  
YOU ARE  
MINE.

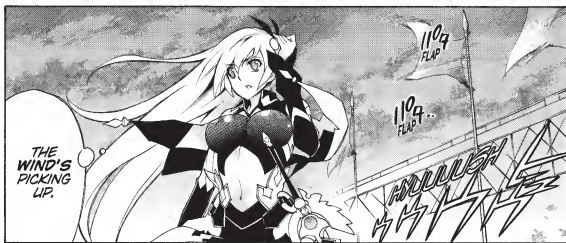
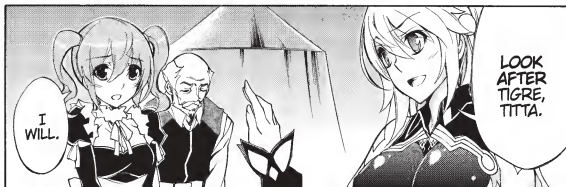
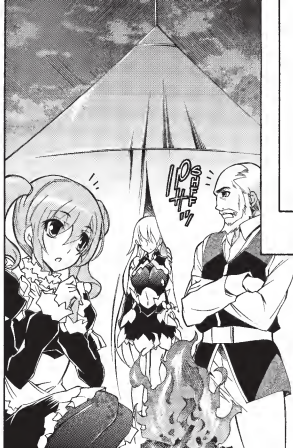
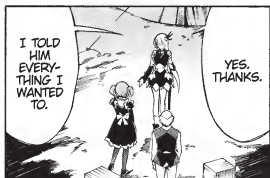


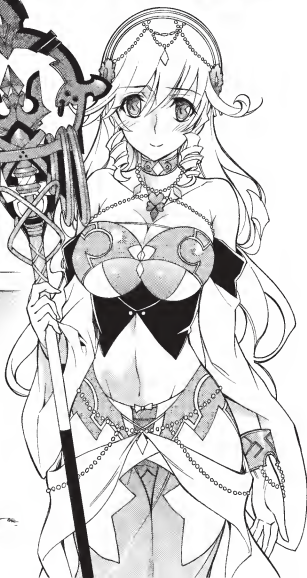
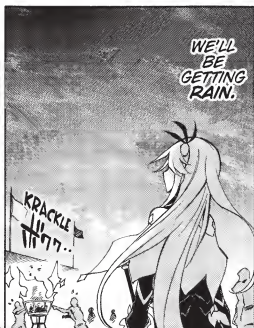
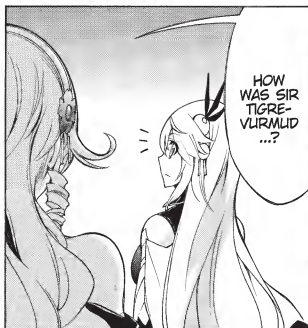
TIGRE...

FOR NOW,  
I'LL LEAD  
YOUR  
TROOPS.

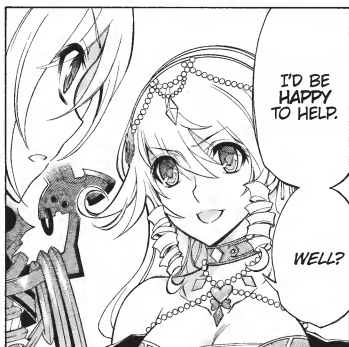
I'LL  
DEFEND  
THOSE  
YOU  
CARE  
FOR.

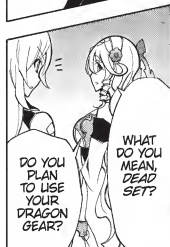
SQUEEZE













ELEN ...

I SEE.

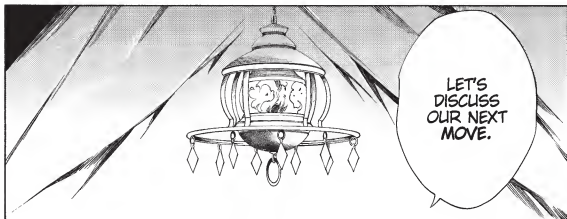
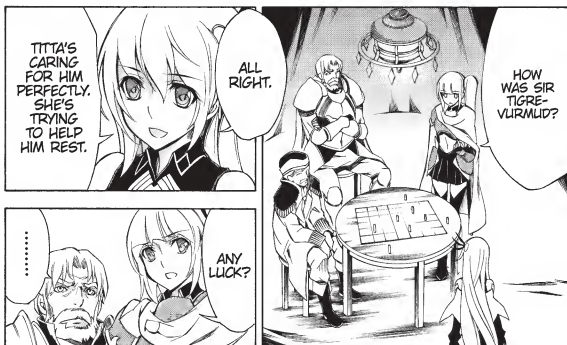
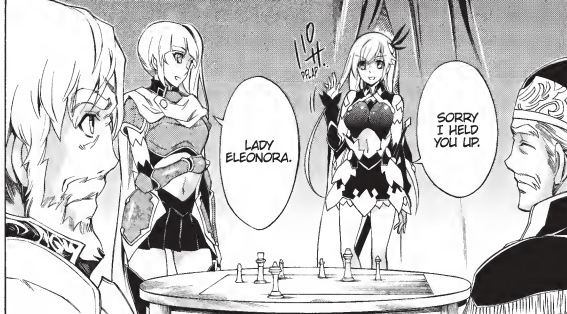


I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO USE IT ON ANYONE. BUT I'LL DO IT ANYWAY.



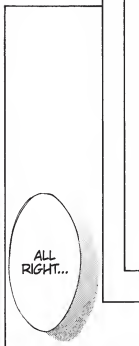
WE'RE WAR MAIDENS, YES.













WHY  
WOULD A  
COMMANDER  
BE SO  
VAGUE?

ODD,  
DON'T  
YOU  
THINK?



IT'S QUITE  
POSSIBLE  
ROLAND  
DOESN'T  
KNOW WHY  
TIGRE IS  
FIGHTING.

"NO  
MATTER  
THE  
REASON..."

"YOU'RE  
FORBIDDEN  
TO ENTER  
BRUNE WITH-  
OUT HIS  
MAJESTY'S  
PERMIS-  
SION..."



HE'S  
ALSO  
TRYING  
TO GET  
DIRT ON  
US.

IF SO,  
I'D WAGER  
THAT WHILE  
ROLAND  
FIGHTS  
US...



AND KEPT  
ROLAND IN  
THE DARK  
ABOUT ITS  
SORDID  
DETAILS.

DUKES  
THENAR-  
DIER AND  
GANELON  
COOKED  
UP THIS  
BATTLE...

MY  
GUESS  
IS...



THAT  
MAY  
BE.

HMM  
...





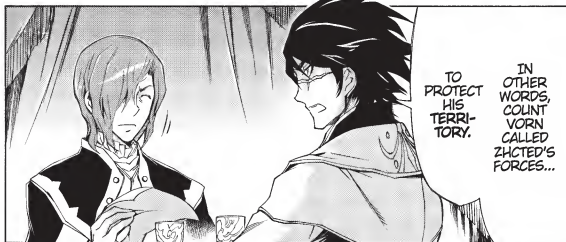


I SEE.



THAT'S ALL WE KNOW ABOUT COUNT VORN FOR NOW.

THE ORDER OF NAVARRE'S CAMP.



TO PROTECT HIS TERRITORY.

IN OTHER WORDS, COUNT VORN CALLED ZHCTED'S FORCES...



DUE TO HIS ILLNESS, I EXPECT.

HE DIDN'T GIVE A SINGLE ORDER.



WHEN DUKES THENARDIER AND GANELON READED THEIR TROOPS...

DID HIS MAJESTY WEIGH IN?





BRUNE'S  
CAPITAL.  
NICE. THE  
FOOT OF  
MOUNT  
LUBERON.

ABOUT  
TWENTY  
YEARS  
AGO...



HIS  
MAJESTY  
...



HOW  
AWFUL!

A  
FOUND-  
LING!

OH,  
MY!

WA-  
HA-  
HI!!

GGW  
AH!!

AH-  
WAH!!



WA-  
HA-  
HI!!

WA-  
YAA!!



I WILL  
ATTEND  
TO THE  
CHILD'S  
UPBRING-  
ING!

PLEASE,  
MASTER!

THE  
TEMPLE  
OF  
PER-  
KUNAS,  
ATOP  
MOUNT  
LUBERON.

YEARS  
LATER

...

WHO'S  
THE MAN  
IN THE  
MURAL?

MOTHER?

THAT'S KING  
CHARLES  
THE FIRST.  
HE FOUNDED  
BRUNE.

HMM.

ROLAND  
...

WE  
MUST ALL  
PREPARE  
FOR HIS  
ARRIVAL.

PRINCE  
FARON IS  
EXPECTED  
HERE  
TODAY.







ROLAND  
TOOK  
PRIDE IN  
PROTECTING  
HIS PEOPLE.  
HE WAS A  
KNIGHT OF  
KNIGHTS.

UNDEFEATED,  
YET WITHOUT  
ARROGANCE...



WILL YOUR  
KNIGHTLY  
PROWESS BE  
CELEBRATED  
THROUGH  
BRUNE,  
TOO?

YES.

MANY  
KNIGHTS  
STILL  
WORSHIP  
ROLAND.

KNIGHT  
OF  
KNIGHTS?





YOU'VE  
...

GROWN  
TO BE  
A FINE  
MAN.



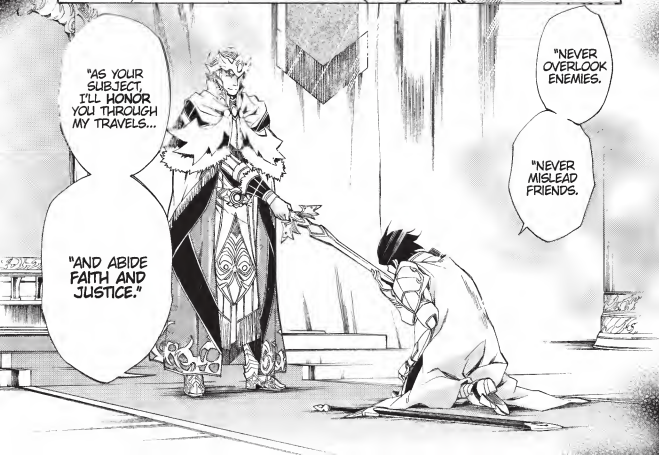
I'LL  
BE A  
KNIGHT!

YES!



"KNIGHT-  
HOOD IS  
A MATTER  
OF SPIRIT,  
NOT RANK.

HIS MAJESTY  
REMEMBERED  
ME!

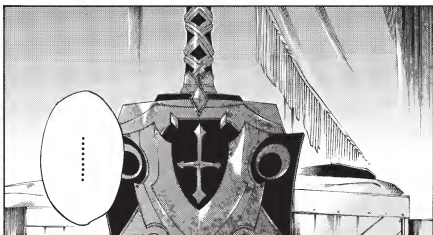
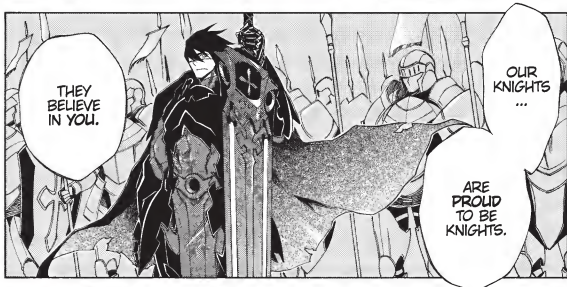
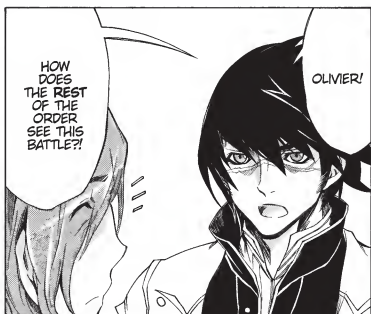


"AS YOUR  
SUBJECT,  
I'LL HONOR  
YOU THROUGH  
MY TRAVELS...

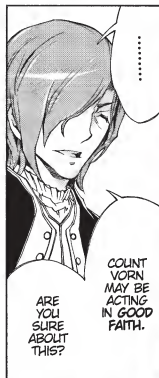
"AND ABIDE  
FAITH AND  
JUSTICE."

"NEVER  
OVERLOOK  
ENEMIES.

"NEVER  
MISLEAD  
FRIENDS.









THE  
NEXT  
DAY...

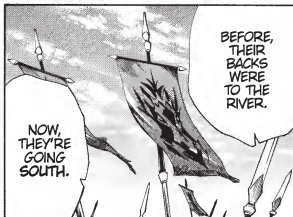
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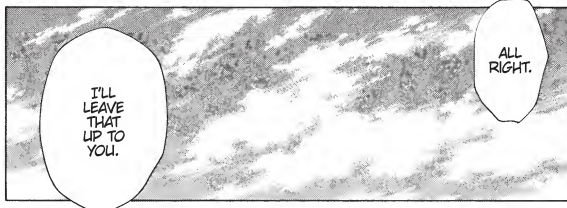
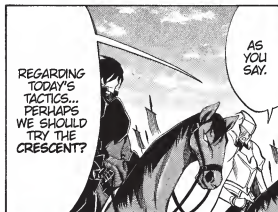
IT'S  
PASSABLE.  
IT SHOULD  
DRY UP BY  
NOON.

YES.

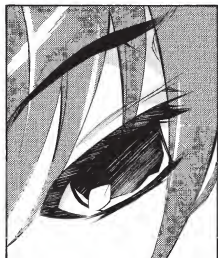
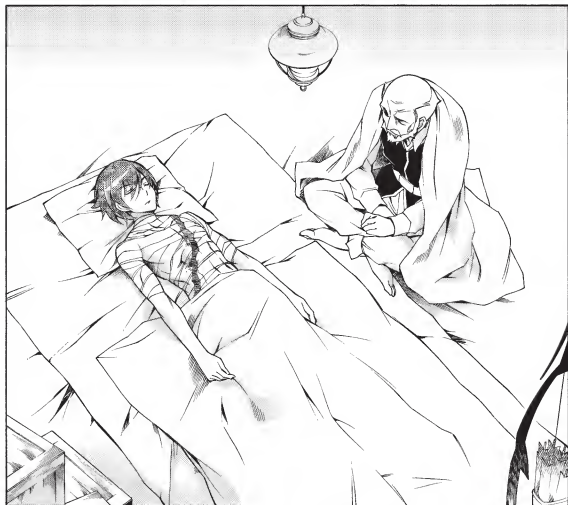
THE  
RAIN'S  
STOPPED,  
BUT IT'S  
SWAMPY.

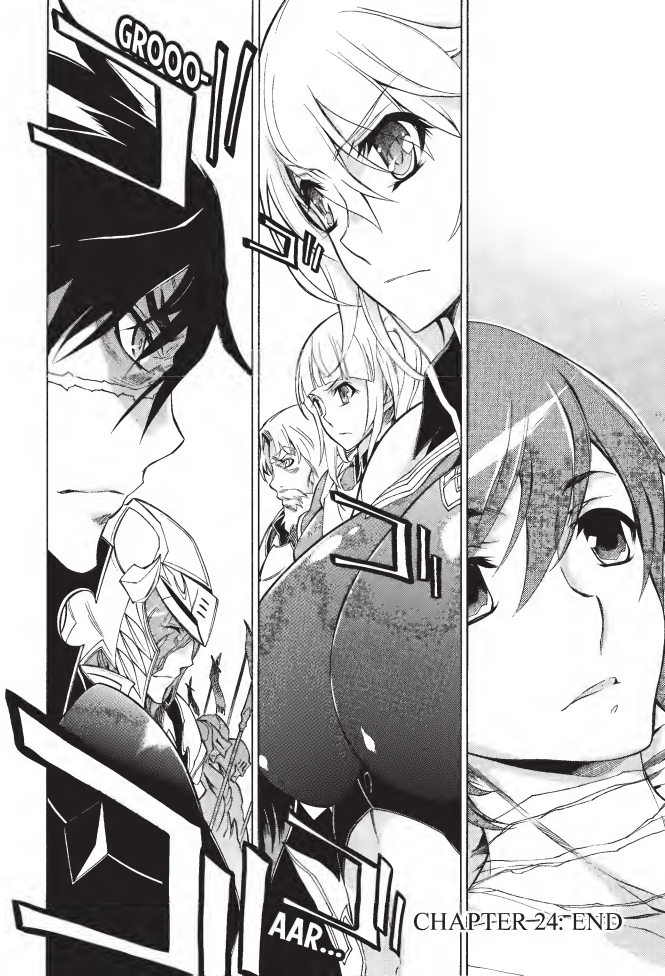
BE  
CAREFUL!











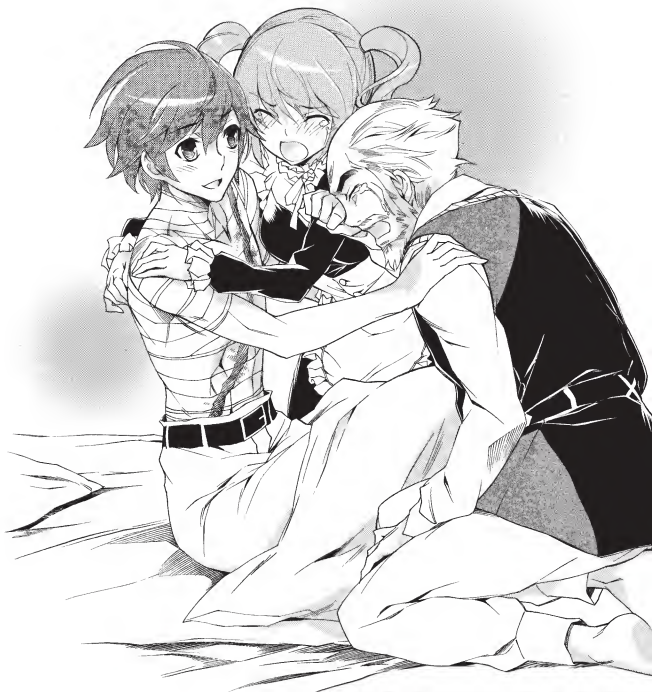
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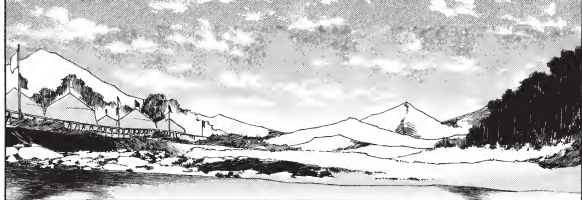


# Lord Marksman ——and Vanadis—











Sir Tigre...

I'm writing  
in hopes  
you'll soon  
be well  
enough to  
read this  
letter.



FOUND  
IT!



Can  
counteract  
them.

It seems  
Roland's  
sword,  
Durandal...



Roland is a  
formidable  
foe...  
even for  
a war  
maiden.

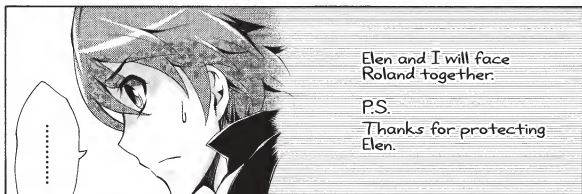
While we  
do possess  
powerful  
"Dragon Gear"  
techniques,  
like Elen's Ley  
Admos...





IT'S LIKE  
HE WAS  
DESIGNED  
TO DEFEAT  
WAR  
MAIDENS.

CAN  
COUNTERACT  
LEY ADMS?



Elen and I will face  
Roland together.

P.S.  
Thanks for protecting  
Elen.



DOES  
SOMETHING  
HURT?



OW  
....!

LORD  
TIGRE?!

THROB!!  
✂  
✂  
✂

KRSH





IF I  
HAD THE  
BOW'S  
POWER...

FIGHTING  
ROLAND  
RIGHT  
NOW?

ARE  
ELEN  
AND  
SOFY  
...

BYUUSH

IF I  
COULD  
ONLY  
DRAW  
IT OUT...

COULD  
I HELP  
ELEN AND  
SOFY...?

GRRIP



BA-THUMP

MORE  
PROOF  
THIS  
BOW HAS  
ITS OWN  
MIND.



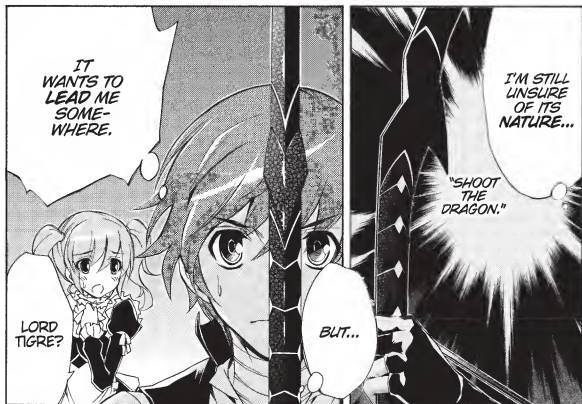
BA-

THUMP

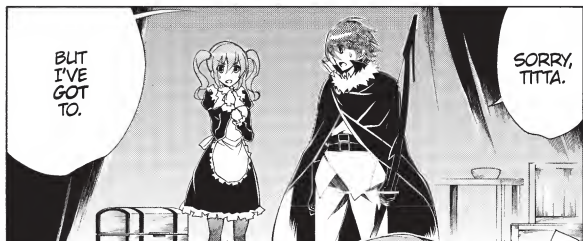


IT...  
MOVED?

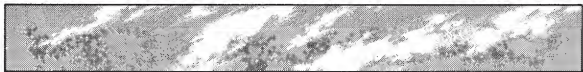
THAT  
FELT  
LIKE A  
HEART-  
BEAT.













.....

HOW  
FAR  
ARE WE  
GOING?

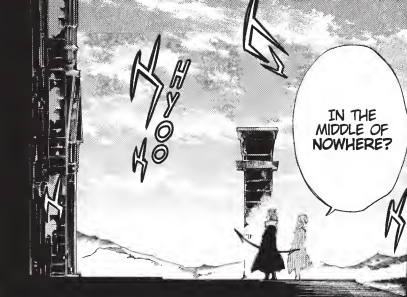
SWUUGH!

A  
TRICK  
OF  
THE  
LIGHT  
...?

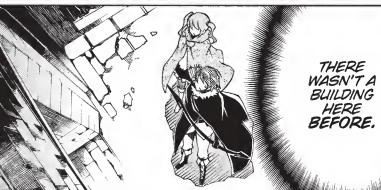
Flicker

!





IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
NOWHERE?



THERE  
WASN'T A  
BUILDING  
HERE  
BEFORE.



LORD  
TIGRE,  
YOU  
DON'T  
MEAN  
TO...

G-GO  
INSIDE...  
DO YOU?

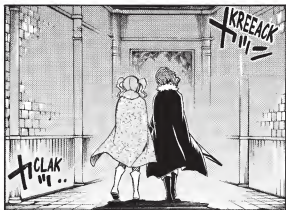
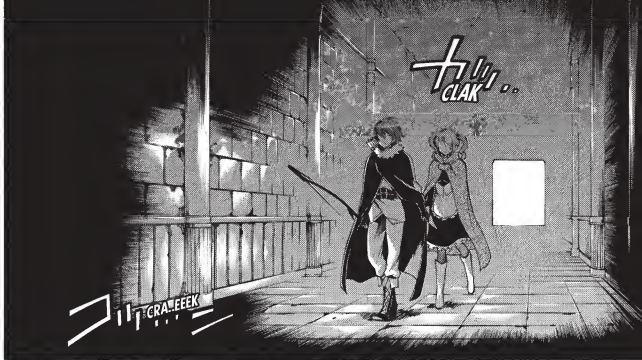
YES,  
I DO.

**グッ**  
SQUEEZE



IS  
IT...A  
SHRINE?









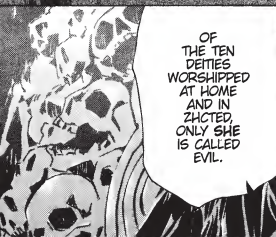
GODDESS  
OF  
NIGHT...

DARK-  
NESS...  
AND  
DEATH.



THIS  
MURAL  
...

IT'S  
TIR  
NA  
FAL.

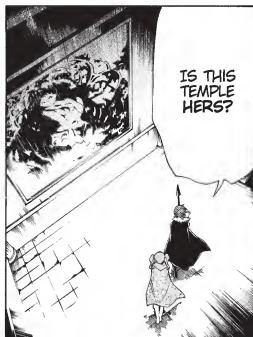


OF  
THE TEN  
DEITIES  
WORSHIPPED  
AT HOME  
AND IN  
ZHCED,  
ONLY SHE  
IS CALLED  
EVIL.



NOD

HER?  
YOU'RE  
SURE?



IS THIS  
TEMPLE  
HERS?



THAT'S WHY  
WORSHIP  
OF HER IS  
NEGLECTED.



WHY DID  
THE BOW  
BRING ME  
HERE?

CRIPP



IS IT  
SOMEHOW  
LINKED TO  
TIR NA FAL?









WHO-  
EVER  
YOU  
ARE...

LEAVE  
TITTA  
BE!



SHE'S A  
PERFECT  
MOUTH-  
PIECE.

THAT'S  
NOT  
PRACTICAL!

PERHAPS  
SHE HAS  
PRIESTESS  
BLOOD...?



HEH  
HEH.

I WON'T  
HARM  
HER.

I DOUBT  
SHE'LL  
EVEN  
REMEMBER  
OUR  
TALK.



WHO...

ARE  
YOU  
?!

WOOOO





SOMETHING'S  
FAMILIAR...

THE VOICE  
THAT HELPED  
ME SHOOT  
DOWN THAT  
DRAGON.

FWOOO



YOU...

LOOK  
LIKE THE  
BOY  
I GAVE  
THE BOW  
TO.



I'M  
NOT  
SURE.



ARE  
YOU  
TIR  
NA  
FAL?



ONE  
OF MY  
ANCES-  
TORS  
...?

BUT  
YOU'RE  
SURELY  
NOT HERE  
TO BE  
INTRO-  
DUCED?



AM I  
CORRECT?

YOU  
CAME  
HERE  
PURSUING  
MY  
POWER.





WITHOUT  
BLIDDING,  
TAKE  
AIM AT  
HER AND  
FIRE.

LET ME  
CLARIFY.



SHOOT  
AN  
ARROW  
AT THIS  
MAIDEN!









WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
DON'T  
YOU  
NEED  
THAT  
POWER...

TO  
SAVE  
SOME-  
ONE?

THERE  
MUST  
BE  
SOME  
WAY  
OUT.

RELAX.

I'VE  
GOT  
TO  
STAY  
CALM.

THIS  
BOW WAS  
DEAD  
SILENT.

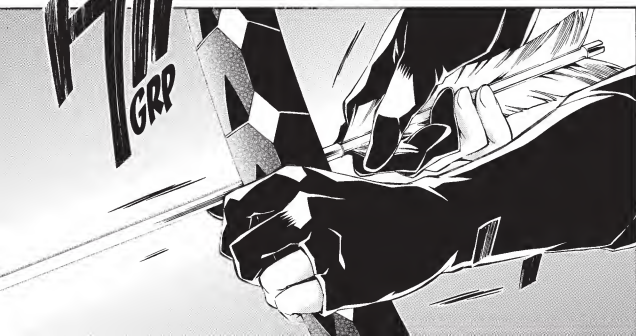
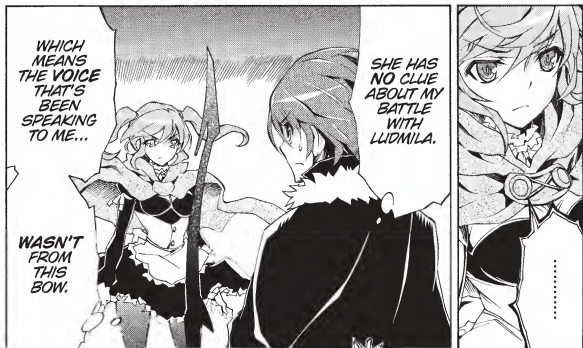
WHEN I  
FOUGHT  
LUDMILA  
AT MOUNT  
TATRA...

TILL  
NOW,  
YOU  
NEVER  
SPOKE  
TO ME.

WHY  
NOT?

YOU'RE  
REALLY  
QUITE  
CHATTY  
TODAY.





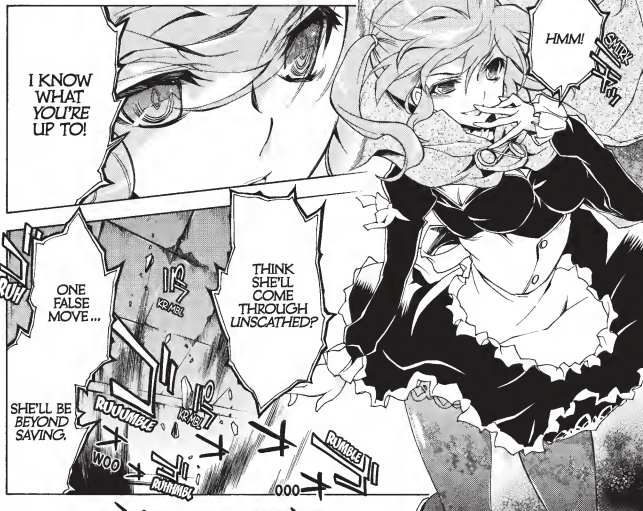


WILL  
YOU  
SHOOT?



YES.





I KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
UP TO!

HMM!

ONE  
FALSE  
MOVE...

THINK  
SHE'LL  
COME  
THROUGH  
UNSCATHED?

SHE'LL BE  
BEYOND  
SAVING.

RUUMBLE

WOO

RUUMBLE

RUUMBLE

000



YOU'RE  
REALLY  
STRAINING  
YOUR  
LIMITS.

WOO

000



DON'T  
REMIND  
ME...!

DROP

ENOUGH  
CHATTER!







*I'M  
GOING  
TO FIRE.*



*TITTA.*



*AND I  
WON'T  
LET HER  
CLAIM  
YOU.*

*BUT I  
WON'T  
KILL  
YOU.*



I'LL  
SAVE  
TITTA...

WITH...

THIS  
ARROW!

CHAPTER 25: END



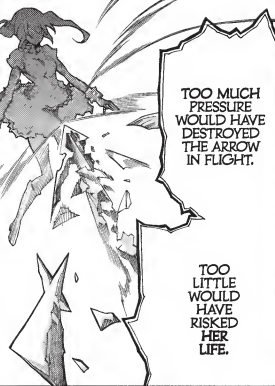






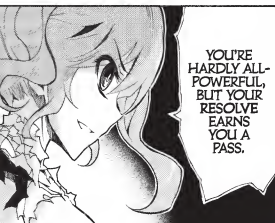






TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE  
WOULD HAVE  
DESTROYED  
THE ARROW  
IN FLIGHT.

TOO  
LITTLE  
WOULD  
HAVE  
RISKED  
HER  
LIFE.



YOU'RE  
HARDLY ALL-  
POWERFUL,  
BUT YOUR  
RESOLVE  
EARNS  
YOU A  
PASS.



HAH...

HAH...

NOT  
BAD.

YOU  
SHOT THE  
ARROW  
WITH SUCH  
FORCE, IT  
SHATTERED  
WHEN IT  
STRUCK  
HER.



BUT  
IT WAS  
TERRIBLY  
RISKY.

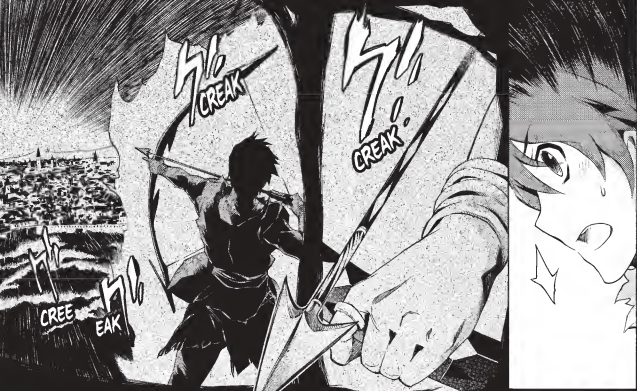
THIS  
WAS  
THE  
ONLY  
PLAN I  
COULD  
DREAM  
UP.



I'VE  
GRANTED  
YOU THE  
POWER.

BUT  
TAKE  
HEED.

USING IT  
CARELESSLY  
COULD  
HAVE  
CONSE-  
QUENCES.



THAT  
GENTLE-  
MAN  
SHOT AN  
ARROW...  
AND  
LOST  
HIS  
LIFE.

THAT  
TOOK  
PLACE  
YEARS  
AGO.

YOU  
MIGHT  
MANAGE  
BETTER,  
IF YOU  
REALLY  
TRY



THAT  
GENTLE-  
MAN  
SHOT AN  
ARROW...  
AND  
LOST  
HIS  
LIFE.

THAT  
TOOK  
PLACE  
YEARS  
AGO.

YOU  
MIGHT  
MANAGE  
BETTER,  
IF YOU  
REALLY  
TRY



WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

WHAT WAS THAT?

THAT PICTURE IN MY MIND...

SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

SHE'S ALL RIGHT.



RUMBL

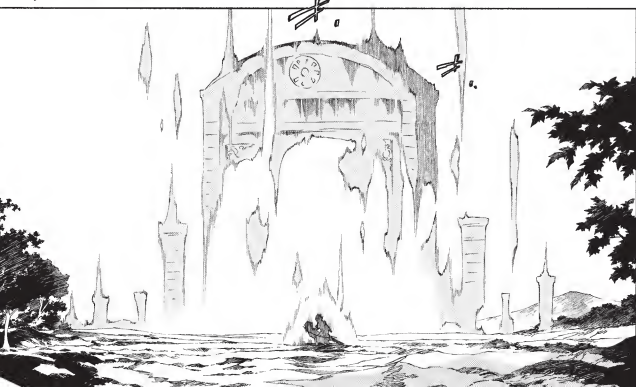
RUMBL

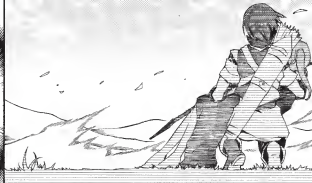
YOU  
SHOULD  
TIME OUR  
NEXT  
MEETING  
BETTER.

I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO SEEING  
YOU MAKE  
THAT BOW  
YOURS.

PERHAPS  
SOME  
MASS  
GRAVE AT  
MIDNIGHT?

ROOZRRR







I'm not decent!!

WYAT!!

GOOD.  
YOU'RE  
AWAKE.

TITTA!

LORD  
TIGRE  
...?

WHY?

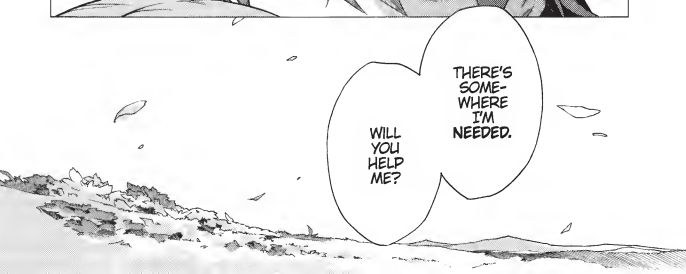
B-  
BUT--

ARE YOU  
HURT?

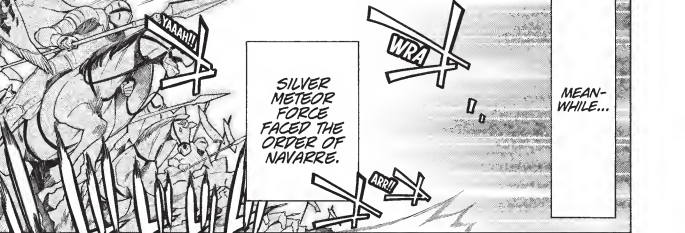
I SHOT  
AT YOU.

I'M SO  
SORRY.

FMP!







SILVER  
METEOR  
FORCE  
FACED THE  
ORDER OF  
NAVARRE.

MEAN-  
WHILE...



SO  
THEY  
TARGETED  
US,  
RATHER  
THAN  
TIGRE'S  
CREW.

SIR  
MASHAS!

THEY'RE  
HEADING  
FOR US!



YES.

WHEN THEY  
THOUGHT  
THEY SENSED  
A TRAP,  
THEY HONED  
IN HERE.

YOU MADE  
A GOOD  
CALL ABOUT  
SPREADING  
WORD OF  
TIGRE'S  
INJURY.



THEY  
ARE  
USING  
THE  
CRESCENT  
TACTIC.

THEIR  
EQUIP-  
MENT...

AND  
POSI-  
TIONS...



THEY  
SPLIT INTO  
THIRDS TO  
ATTACK  
ON ALL  
SIDES...

CRES-  
CENT  
FORMA-  
TION,  
NOW!

MISLEADING  
THEIR FOES  
BY WORKING  
TOGETHER.



IT'S  
ONE OF  
BRUNE'S  
FINEST  
MILITARY  
TACTICS.



ATTACK!!

FIRST  
UNIT,  
ON  
YOUR  
MARKS!






SHOULD WE BREAK FROM THE CRESCENT?

IS THIS A TRAP?





GROUND'S  
DRIED UP!



THEY'RE HUGGING THE RIVER-BANK!

LADY LIMALISHA, ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN ARE APPROACHING FROM THE RIGHT!

ZWOONNNNN

THEY'RE  
LED  
BY...



BUT  
IT'S IN  
YOUR  
HANDS.

I REGRET  
LEAVING  
YOU WITH  
THE BRUNT  
OF THE  
WORK.

COUNT  
ON US.

LADY  
ELEONORA.  
LADY  
SOFYA.

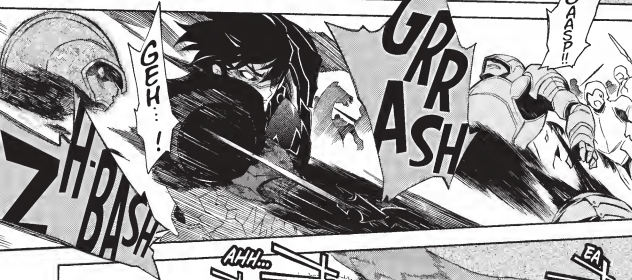
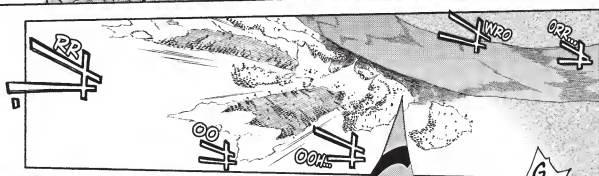
HMPH!  
THE  
CRESCENT  
TACTIC'S  
OFTEN  
USED TO  
CORRAL  
ENEMIES.

WE'RE  
UNDER  
ATTACK!

THEY'RE  
STRIKING  
FROM  
THE  
FRONT,  
TOO!

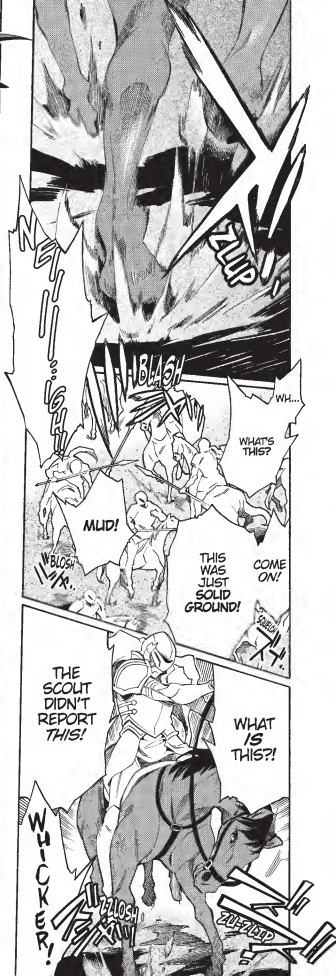








I BELIEVE  
THEY CALL  
THIS HOLY  
RAIN.



THE  
SCOUT  
DIDN'T  
REPORT  
THIS!

WHAT  
IS  
THIS?!



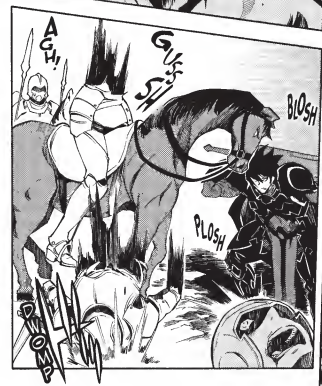








ROLAND!!







GYYY...

TINNING







YOU  
CAN FIGHT  
THE WIND  
PRINCESS  
OF SILVER  
FLASH  
INSTEAD!



THD

THD THD THD



DON'T  
GIVE  
UP!!

ELEN...

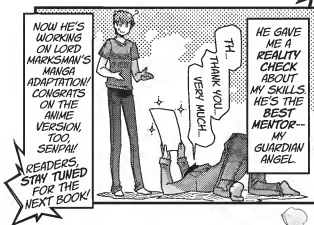
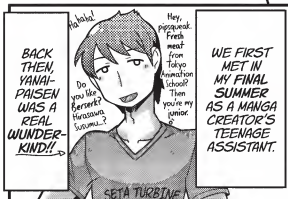
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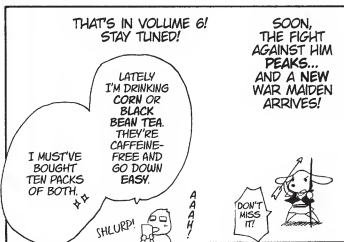
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GLYS!  
YANAI  
HERE.



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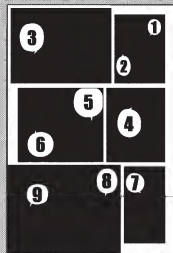
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